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SUBJECT: SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL DISPOSITION

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1. THE SWEDISH NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY COMPANY'S STUDY ETITLED
"A CENTRAL SPENT FUEL STORAGE FACILITY IN SWEDEN," IS DESCRIBED
IN REFAIR. THE STUDY WAS SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING
IN DECEMBER, AS REQUIRED BY THE SWEDISH BUILDING LAW, SECTION
136A, FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. THIS IS THE FIRST IN A LONG
SERIES OF REVIEWS AND APPROVALS THAT MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED.

2. THE SWEDISH TELEVISION NEWS SERVICE MENTIONED ON
JANUARY 9 THAT THE SIMPEVARP COMMUNITY (LOCATION OF OSKARSHAMN
NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS) WOULD WELCOME THE LOCATION OF A CENTRAL
STORAGE FACILITY. FORSMARK AND STUDSVIK HAVE BEEN MENTIONED
AS POSSIBLE SITES ALSO.

3. THE PROPOSED CENTRAL STORAGE FACILITY WOULD HANDLE
ABOUT 3,000 TONS OF SPENT FUEL FROM 10 REACTORS UP TO THE
MID-1990'S. IN PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN THE SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE
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AND OFFICIALS OF THE SKBF, THE SUBJECT OF CENTRAL STORAGE
FOR WASTES FROM OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES IS SCARCELY WORTH
DISCUSSION FOR THESE REASONS: (A) THE PROPOSED FACILITY
IS ADEQUATE FOR TEN SWEDISH REACTORS ONLY (IF THE CURRENT
NUCLEAR PROGRAM CONTINUES), (B) THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS
OPPOSED TO NUCLEAR POWER AND THE OBJECTIVE IS TO STOP ULTIMATELY THE
SWEDISH NUCLEAR PROGRAM COMPLETELY, (C) THE ULTIMATE APPROVAL

OF THE PROPOSED FACILITY IS UNCERTAIN, (D) THE DECISION TO STORE NUCLEAR WASTES FROM A NORDIC NEIGHBOR WOULD REQUIRE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATION, AN EVENT NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR UNDER THE PRESENT SWEDISH REGIME, AND (E) THE SUGGESTION THAT SWEDEN MIGHT PROVIDE A SITE FOR A MULTINATIONAL STORAGE FACILITY WOULD BE ANOTHER POLITICALLY HAZARDOUS DECISION BY A COALITION GOVERNMENT ALREADY BESET BY SUFFICIENT NUCLEAR ISSUES.

4. IF DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMATION THAT SKBF (REF A, PARA 2) "WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE THIS A MULTINATIONAL SPENT FUEL STORAGE FACILITY...", WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE IT.
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